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Entitled: PROSTHESIS AND METHOD OF MAKING A PROSTHESIS

HAVING AN EXTERNAL SUPPORT STRUCTURE

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Dear Ms. Durham:

Per our conversation, I enclose herewith <u>copies</u> of the following papers which we sent for filing on Novemer 5, 2001:

1. Transmittal Letter;

2. Petition Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.182 (1pg);

3. Figures 1-6 (2 pgs);

4. Check in the amount of \$130.00 (Petition Fee); and

5. A Return Postcard.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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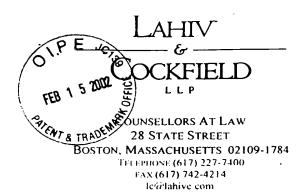
Dear Applicant:

The Box PGPub replacement drawings for application number 09/903,374 received on 11/08/01 by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office will be included for patent publication.

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No additional fees are believed to be due. However, please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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